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Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon II, 1CTCS

SECAF announces three new core competencies

'Continued focus on these will enable us to remain the world's greatest air and space force'

By DR. JAMES ROCHE
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

The Air Force made tremendous strides in realizing the vision of early airmen and exploiting the potential of each medium in which we operate. Just as our operational concepts and systems continually advance, so must the way in which we articulate our Air Force competencies.

The history of the Air Force reveals fundamental competencies that are at the core of our ability to develop and deliver air and space power. These unique institutional qualities set the Air Force apart from the other services and every other military force in the world.

Previously, we distilled these into six distinct-

ive capabilities which were referred to as our "core competencies" – *Air and Space Superiority, Global Attack, Rapid Global Mobility, Precision Engagement, Information Superiority and Agile Combat Support.*

Upon reflection and discussion, we learned that certain elements are more fundamental to who we are as an Air Force, how leaders, commanders, and colleagues view us, and how we develop our capabilities for joint warfighting. These are our institutional air and space core competencies — those that in fact make the six distinctive capabilities possible:

— **Developing Airmen:** *the heart of combat capability*

The ultimate source of combat capability re-

sides in the men and women of the Air Force. The value of strategy, technology, and organization are diminished without professional airmen to leverage their attributes. Our Total Force of Active, Guard, Reserve, and Civilian personnel are our largest investment and most critical asset. They are airmen — steeped in an expeditionary ethos. Therefore, from the moment they step into the Air Force, we are dedicated to ensuring they receive the education, training, and professional development necessary to provide a quality edge second to none. The full spectrum capabilities of our service stem from the collective abilities of our personnel; and the abilities of our people stem

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Commander's Comments



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, takes "aim" at Charleston AFB issues.

By **COL. BROOKS BASH**
437AW COMMANDER

Team Charleston hosted the third annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Walk and commemorative service at the base chapel this week. There was an outstanding turnout of more than 150 base personnel. Reverend (Dr.) Clinton Brantley was an exceptional guest speaker whose words were an inspiration to all.

AEF rotations

As many of you realize, the upcoming months are likely to be extremely busy for Team Charleston. The chief of staff of the Air Force stated deployments will no longer consist of the normal 90-day rotations we are used to. Be prepared to deploy for longer than anticipated, and

for those whose AEF buckets are in the upcoming months, be prepared for potential early deployment. The war on terror is not on a set schedule and the current AEF may not apply. Be prepared for anything, and continue to keep the Charleston warrior spirit.

Awards

The Charleston spirit was clearly evident in last week's 437th Airlift Wing's Quarterly Award winners. The following personnel performed exceptionally and were recognized at the luncheon Jan. 17: Airman of the Quarter: **Airman 1st Class Nathan White**, 437th Mission Support Group; NCO of the Quarter: **Staff Sgt. Antwan Carlisle**, 437th Medical Group; Senior NCO of the Quarter: **Master Sgt. Sara Coleman-Lee**, 437th Maintenance Group; Junior Company Grade Officer of the Quarter: **1st Lt. Micaela Brancato**, 437 MG; Senior Company Grade Officer of the Quarter: **Capt. Justin Barry**, 437 MG; Honor Guard Member of the Quarter: **Airman 1st Class Trevis Humprey**. The Category 1 Civilian of the Quarter is **Ms. Denise Richings**, 437 AW Staff, and the Category 2 Civilian of the Quarter is **Mr. Jon Newsome**, 315th Maintenance Group.

Physical fitness

I look forward to seeing all of you at Monday's Commander's Fit Run at the Fitness Center at 10:30 a.m. Physical fitness is something I cannot stress enough. With the high operations tempo, it is critical for everyone to stay healthy and in shape.

Blood drive

Along with your health, it is important to keep in mind that others may need assistance when it comes to their well-being. The American Red Cross currently has a shortage of blood supply and is asking volunteers to help donate. They will be hosting a blood drive Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at the Charleston Club. All blood types are needed, so everyone is encouraged to donate.

Commander's call

This week, I hosted a series of commander's calls where we discussed a variety of issues, from smallpox to operational readiness. I encourage everyone to provide feedback through your chain of command on issues you would like to address in future calls.

Well done on another safe holiday weekend! Team Charleston should be proud of its exceptional safety record. Continue to keep the mindset that safety is paramount in the months to come. Keep up the great work!

Action Lines address Burger King, taxi, parking issues

Q: I can go off base to any fast-food establishment on Rivers Ave and get back to my workplace in less time than it takes to go through Burger King on base. I called and spoke with the manager and she said the problem was being addressed. This is not a new problem! The service has been sub-par for quite some time. Anything that can be done to speed up the service would be appreciated.

A: Thank you for taking the time to contact us. AAFES is disappointed in the poor service you received, and has taken aggressive action in management of the Burger King. You should see a marked improvement immediately. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Myra Florence, AAFES General Manager, ext. 3-5679, if you have any future concerns. Thank you

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston AFB a better place to live, work and play.

First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to action@charleston.af.mil.

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.

again for bringing this matter to our attention.

Q: I'm concerned about taxis not being allowed on base. My husband and I are going on vacation and will be returning late at night. It is an inconvenience to ask someone to pick us up at night; however, if we take a taxi, we have to be dropped off at the gate, then walk with all of our luggage to base housing. I'd like to

see taxis allowed back on base or set up something with the 437th Transportation Squadron where they can come and get us if we have orders.

A: Base security increased after the Sept. 11 attacks, and one of the measures included preventing taxis from entering the installation. This policy was recently reviewed, and taxi service is now allowed on the base. The new policy requires an ID cardholder to vouch for the taxi service.

The ID cardholder needs to be present or will need to call the main gate to preannounce this service. Thank you for your call.

Q: I walked to Base Ops the other day and was forced to walk in the road because people at the flight simulator facility had parked on the sidewalks and grass. There are plenty of parking spaces near the flight simulator. Can this be taken care of?

A: Thank you for your comments and desire to keep Charleston AFB a safe environment to live and work in. The Security Forces Squadron is running a ticketing campaign to address illegal parking around the flight simulator facility. Our Civil Engineers will also look for ways to expand parking around the flight simulator. Again, thank you for your call.

'Bad to bone' warriors continue 60-year legacy

By LT. COL. GARY GOLDSTONE
16AS COMMANDER

worth repeating

... Our sense of urgency is key to answering America's call.

— Lt. Col. GARY GOLDSTONE
16th Airlift Squadron commander

On July 26, we re-activated the fourth and final active-duty C-17 squadron at Charleston AFB, adding to the 437th Operations Group family. The operations tempo here has been maintaining an incredible pace since September of 2001. Initially, there were some concerns about actually re-activating a squadron during such a busy time.

However, the 16th Airlift Squadron was exactly what America needed, considering the global war on terror and has increased America's capability. We are proud to be the newest member of Team Charleston.

We have a very distinguished history. Initially activated in 1940 at McClellan Field, Calif., the squadron was re-designated and relocated numerous times, flying venerable aircraft like the

C-119, C-47, C-123, C-130, C-141, and now the "crown jewel" of America's airlift fleet, the C-17A Globemaster III. Before flying the C-17A, the squadron was de-activated in July 2000.

Prior to the de-activation, the 16 AS provided special operations capability for America which earned the squadron the war cry, "Bad to the bone!"

Just like the warriors of the past who saw action in Africa, Algeria, England, India, Italy and Korea, today's 16 AS warriors are answering America's call all over the globe. Coupled with our teammates and families here, we

are continuing the 60-year legacy of our global reach.

Employing the world's most advanced, most capable tactical and strategic airlifter, is what we are doing everyday.

Let there be no doubt that each member of Team Charleston is a member of America's starting lineup. When we look back, we will see that today's activities represent the most significant experiences in our lives. America's response to the Sept. 11 attacks, and our ongoing global war on terror, are defining moments in all of our lives.

As we enter the next stage of

our battle rhythm, we must keep in mind our sense of urgency is key to answering America's call. Combat capability is what it is all about.

The 16 AS and Team Charleston represent America's finest, and there is no doubt that one of the most important catalysts for our success is our families. Married or single, our immediate family members and our Air Force family are crucial to our war effort. These family members support us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and they continue to make sacrifices so we may serve our nation and our Air Force.

There really is a higher calling riding on our shoulders, one that we cannot afford to fail. Each and every one of us represents the hopes and aspirations of 280 million freedom-loving Americans. Let us not forget it, and I know we won't let them down.

COMPETENCIES

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career-long focus on the development of professional airmen.

— **Technology-to-warfighting:** *The tools of combat capability*

The vision of airmen fundamentally altered the way in which we approach military operations. As a leader in the military application of air, space, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance technology, the Air Force is committed to innovation to guide research, development, and fielding of unsurpassed capabilities. Just as the advent of powered flight revolutionized joint warfighting, recent advances in low observable technologies, space-based systems, manipulation of information, precision, and small, smart weapons offer no less dramatic advantages for combatant commanders. The Air Force nurtures and promotes its ability to translate our technology into operational

capability—to prevail in conflict and avert technological surprise.

— **Integrating Operations:** *Maximizing combat capabilities*

Effectively integrating the diverse capabilities found in all four service branches remains pivotal to successful joint warfighting. Innovative operational concepts and the efficient integration of all military systems - air, land, maritime, space, and information - ensures maximum flexibility in the delivery of desired effects across the spectrum of conflict. The Air Force contributes to this enduring objective as each element of air and space power brings unique and essential capabilities to the joint force. Our innate ability to envision, experiment, and ultimately, execute the union of myriad platforms and people into a greater, synergistic whole is the key to maximizing these capabilities. Yet, effective integration involves more than smart technology investment—it also requires investigation of efficient joint and service organization, and innovative operational

thinking. Thus, continued investment in our people to foster critical analysis and intellectual flexibility is equally important to our technology development. Collectively, our air and space core competencies reflect the visions of the founders of airpower, are recognized by our joint "customers," and serve to realize the potential of air and space forces. We foster ingenuity and adventure in the development of the world's most professional airmen. We thrive on transitioning new technologies into practical systems while we encourage intellectual innovation at every level of war. And, we drive relentlessly toward integration to realize the potential and maturation of air and space capabilities.

Our proficiency in these three air and space core competencies underpins our ability to contribute to joint warfighting, producing effects across the spectrum of conflict. Our continued focus on and nurturing of these core competencies will enable us to remain the world's greatest air and space force.

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NEWS

437 CES wins AF, AMC awards

Operations Flight awarded Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright Award for best in AF

By AIRMAN STEPHANIE HAMMER
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron here was awarded the Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright Award for the best 2002 Air Force civil engineer operations flight.

Air Force officials and three civil engineer civilian organizations announced the annual civil engineer awards Jan. 8.

Each year the Air Force civil engineer community partners with the Society of American Military Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Northeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Execu-

tives to sponsor the awards.

The awards recognize outstanding achievements and contributions to the Air Force mission.

The squadron also received recognition in the following categories:

■ 2002 Air Force Environmental Flight Award runner-up

■ Lt. Col. Maria Dowling, 437 CES commander, was named runner-up for the civil engineer senior military manager of the year award

■ Glenn Easterby, 437 CES deputy commander, was named runner-up for the Harry P. Rietman Award for outstanding civil engineer civilian manager of the year

Easterby attributed his success this year to the squadron being one of the first "out of the box" for deployment after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It's all about our craftsmen," said Maj. Brian Murphy, 437 CES Operations Flight commander. "This flight of military and civilian

men and women do a great job, and I'm very happy, but not altogether surprised that they've been recognized as best in the Air Force. I couldn't be prouder."

The squadron also received the 2002 Air Mobility Command awards for the following categories:

■ Explosive Ordnance Flight of the year

■ CE Operations Flight of the year

■ Environmental Flight of the year

■ Harry Rietman Award for the CE senior civilian manager of the year awarded to Glenn Easterby

■ CE senior military manager of the year awarded to Lt. Col. Maria Dowling

■ CE civilian technician of the year awarded to John Geraci

■ Environmental Quality Award

■ Restoration Quality Award for Team Excellence

■ Pollution Prevention Award for Individual Excellence awarded to Nicole Shope

Base housing holds Parade of Homes

The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Flight is hosting a Parade of Homes, showcasing the newly renovated main-base housing units today, 1-5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Everyone with access to Charleston AFB is invited to come take a look at the renovated units, said Debby Carlton, 437 CES CEH chief. The housing office is eager to get suggestions from potential residents for incorporation into the next phase of renovations.

"We want people to see how these updated units compare to the older ones," said Carlton.

The housing units available for the tour are located at:

— 1154 Richardson Ave., field grade three-bedroom unit

— 1227 Batson Ave., company grade three-bedroom unit

— 1267 Hodge Ave., senior NCO three-bedroom

When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous 1963, "I Have a Dream" address in the shadows of the Lincoln Monument he probably never imagined his own birthday would become the catalyst for making his dream a reality.

But it has. Members of Team Charleston joined in to honor King with the Third Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Walk and Commemorative Service here Monday. The walk started at the Charleston Club and ended at the Base Chapel.

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve," said King. "You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant." (Air Force Print News)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

REPAIRS. *Parts of McComb's Way jogging trail to close in phases for repair, resurfacing through March*

By STAFF SGT. MELANIE STREETER
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Sections of McComb's Way, the base jogging trail, will be closed between now and the end of March for repairs and resurfacing.

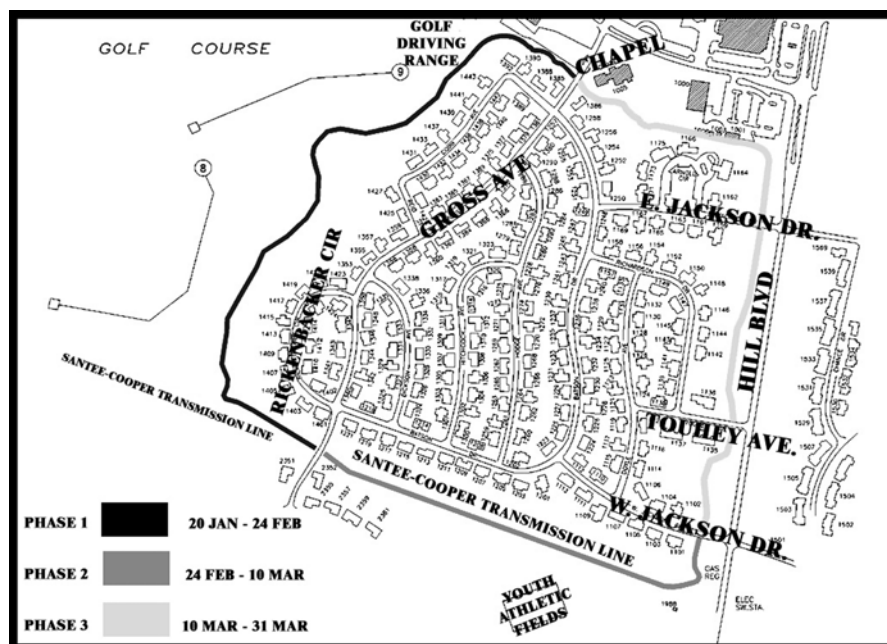
"Really there are two projects going on," said Staff Sgt. Jeff Martinez, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron SABER project manager.

"The two projects interact with one another," he continued. "First, we will repair some drainage culverts due to erosion. Then we'll do an asphalt overlay of the entire trail, which will cut back overgrowth and provide a new surface."

The project will be completed in three phases, so the whole trail isn't interrupted, Martinez said.

"The goal is to keep at least two-thirds of the trail open at all times," Martinez said.

Though McComb's Way is the most popular trail on base, several other options exist, said Steve Parrish, Fitness and Sports Center director.



"With the trail being worked on, we want to remind everyone that safety is paramount," Parrish said. "There are many other options for joggers, runners and fitness walkers while this project is

Many sidewalks and roads in Military Family Housing are also suitable for fitness, Parrish said. "Use this as a chance to challenge yourself and discover the base."

underway."

One optional route Parrish offered was to start out on McComb's Way, then at the golf course, detour onto Arthur Drive, where there is plenty of room and an asphalt-topped path to the air park.

From the air park to the Rivers Avenue Gate, Parrish said there is a wide grassy area on the side of the road that is good for running. It is three miles from the Fitness and Sports Center to the air park and back.

Another, more scenic choice is the base nature trail, Parrish said. People can access the trail from the back of the parking lot across the street from Airman Leadership School.

"Even though it doesn't go in a loop, people can turn around and come back, and enjoy the scenery," Parrish said.

2002 tax season offers new benefits for military CAFB sets up free Tax Center to aid in individual income tax assistance

By CAPT. JEDD MILOUD
437 AW LEGAL OFFICE

Worrying about filing 2002 taxes on time this year and don't know where to turn for help? The Charleston AFB Tax Center opens Monday and remains open through April 18 with Monday through Jan. 31 limited to 1040EZ filers only.

This year, the Tax Center is located on the first floor of Building 246 in room 110. The hours are Monday – Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Tax Center will be closed on holidays. Services are free, by appointment only.

The Tax Center is staffed with legal personnel and volunteer income tax assistance representatives trained by the Internal Revenue Service. These individuals provide an invaluable service during tax season and come from units located on CAFB. The Tax Center is limited to individual income tax assistance and will not extend services to private businesses. Also, the Tax Center will only electronically file returns prepared by the staff.

The Tax Center offers a variety of free tax services, including electronic filing for active duty members, retirees, reservists on active duty and dependents. Electronic filing is one of the quickest ways to get income tax refunds.

Military members who have been in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area must have a W-2 form that reflects the tax-free status.

When coming to the Tax Center, please bring the following:

- Military identification card
- Dependant identification card
- W-2 forms
- All 1099 INT and DIV forms
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest)
- Individual Retirement Arrangement contribution information
- Educational expense information
- Childcare expense information
- Proof of a bank account, if direct deposit is requested
- Power of attorney if necessary
- Receipts for deductible expenses if itemizing deductions
- Social Security numbers for

dependents

— Any other tax-related documents

With the 2002 tax season quickly approaching, many members of Team Charleston might not be aware of some significant tax law changes for the 2002 tax year:

— **Individual Retirement Arrangement**

In 2002, the amount once can contribute to a traditional IRA and deduct from income increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and \$3,500 if over the age of 50. However, this deduction begins to phase out for military members if total income reaches \$34,000 or \$54,000 for married filing jointly.

Additionally, taxpayers might be eligible to receive a tax credit for a percentage of the contributions made to a traditional or Roth IRA. However, the credit phases out if the taxpayer's income reaches \$25,000 or \$50,000, if married filing jointly.

— **Earned Income Credit**

In 2002, for purposes of the Earned Income Credit, earned income does not include nontax-

able employee compensation. This means military members should not include Basic Allowance for Housing and Basic Allowance for Subsistence when calculating their earned income. This should allow military members who might not have been able to receive the credit last year, to take advantage of the credit this year.

— **Qualified tuition and fees deduction**

In 2002, taxpayers can claim an "above the line" deduction if they incurred qualified expenses for an eligible student to attend an eligible educational institution during the tax year.

Previously, taxpayers had to decide whether to take this deduction as an itemized deduction or to take the standard deduction. The deduction can be taken up to \$3,000, but phases out if the taxpayer's income reaches \$65,000 or \$130,000 if married filing jointly.

For more information or to make an appointment, call the Tax Center at 963-1040.

TRICARE Dental program changes monthly premiums

TRICARE Dental Program enrollees will notice a small increase in their monthly premiums beginning January.

The new rates are effective on Feb. 1, however, since premiums are collected one month in advance, TDP enrollees will notice the change in their January billing statement, payroll allotment or deduction.

The new monthly premium rate for active-duty family members, members of the Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve (Special Mobilization Category), and family members of Reservists who are on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days will be \$8.14 for a single enrollment and \$20.35 for a family enrollment.

Members of the Individual Ready Reserve (other than Special Mobilization Category) and their family members, and the family members of the Selected Reserve (not on active duty) will pay a new monthly rate of \$20.35 for a single enrollment and \$50.88 for a family enrollment.

Coverage Type	Active Duty	SR & IRR (Mobilization Category)	IRR (Non-Mobilization Category)
Sponsor Only	N/A	\$ 8.14	\$ 20.35
Single (One Family Member)	\$ 8.14	\$ 20.35	\$ 20.35
Family (Two or More Family Members)	\$ 20.35	\$ 50.88	\$ 50.88
Sponsor & Single Family Member	N/A	\$ 28.49	\$ 40.70
Sponsor & Two or More Family Members	N/A	\$ 59.02	\$ 71.23

dental services component of the Consumer Price Index,” said Tom Harbold, United Concordia’s TDP Senior Vice President. “The TDP continues to provide excellent value for members of the military community.”

United Concordia Companies, Inc. has administered the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan and the follow-on TRICARE Dental Program for the Department of Defense since 1996.

Headquartered in Harrisburg, Pa., United Concordia is the fifth largest dental insurer in the country with more than six million members worldwide.

In 2001, the company processed more than 10 million claims and paid more than \$700 million in dental benefits. *(Story and chart courtesy of United Concordia)*

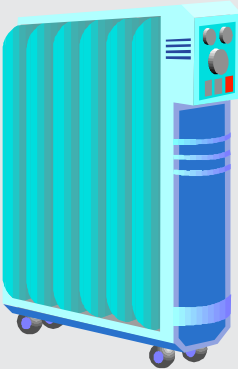
Fire inspector stresses space heater safety

By ROBERT HOFFMAN
437 CES FIRE INSPECTOR

In the past week, Charleston County has had two house fires due to space heaters being too close to combustible materials. In each case, the family’s homes were destroyed, and one person died.

To assure the safety of Team Charleston’s families, please follow these simple procedures:

- Keep space heaters at a minimum distance of three feet away from beds, couches and any other combustible material
 - Be sure the heater is turned off when going to sleep or while away from the house
 - Make sure the heater will turn off automatically when tipped over
 - Do not leave children unattended in the same room as the heater
 - Ensure the heater is in good repair and plugged directly into the wall
- Please think fire safety at all times!



STILL SERVING: CAFB retiree news

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center is a wealth of information and opportunity for retirees and their families. There are many computers programs available at the Discovery Center, such as Streetfinder Delux, Financial Readiness, Home Buyer’s Companion, Managing Your Money and Rand McNally TripMaker. There is also plenty of computer help available to ensure retirees get the most from their visit.

In addition to using the computers and programs, there are a variety of books and videos on various topics such as health care and consumer reports.

The FSC is open every day, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays until 8 p.m. For more information, call the Retiree Activities Office at 963-4409 or 963-2228.

Updating the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

It is important to update DEERS when eligibility and personal information change. Each family member’s eligibility record must be updated separately when changes occur.

Military members who recently retired need to make sure DEERS reflects the change from active duty to retiree status. If family members were previously listed as TRICARE Prime under the active duty status, they must re-enroll in TRICARE Prime under retiree status. If a member’s child is over age 21 and a full-

time student, they need to get their student status entered into DEERS so that TRICARE eligibility is not interrupted and access to health care is not lost.

It is also important to update addresses because the TRICARE Program information will be sent to that address.

For more information, call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552 or visit the Military Personnel Flight.

Long-term care

Long-term care is the kind of care that helps people perform daily activities if they have an ongoing illness or disability.

This type of care is not received in a hospital and isn’t intended as a cure. It is not acute care; it is chronic care that is needed for the rest of one’s life. It can be received at home, at a nursing home or in another long-term care facility.

There are insurance programs available to help prepare for such a need should it arise. Long-term care insurance helps pay for long-term care services, such as home care or care in a nursing home or assisted living facility.

The Retiree Activities Office has information about the federal government’s long-term care insurance program. Stop by and pick up a brochure and a “Frequently Asked Questions” paper.

For more information, call 1-800-582-3337, or visit www.LTCFEDS.com.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Savings bond holding period increases

Department of Treasury officials have announced that the minimum holding period for Series EE and I bonds increases from six to 12 months beginning Feb. 1.

This means people who purchase EE or I bonds on or after Feb. 1 must wait one year before they may redeem those bonds.

People who purchase bonds will receive a notification of this new policy with their bonds until the current preprinted bond stock reflects the change.

More information is available at www.savingsbonds.gov. **(Air Force Print News)**

DoD instituting short-term enlistments

A new military short-term enlistment program will begin Oct. 1 and is aimed at expanding the opportunities for all Americans to serve their country.

Congress authorized the National Call to Service enlistment option as part of the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

The program will work like this: A recruit enlists for the option and incurs a 15-month active duty service obligation following completion of initial-entry training, for a total active duty commitment of about 19 months.

Following successful completion of active duty, service members may re-enlist for further active duty or transfer to the selected reserve for a 24-month obligation.

Once this is completed, service members may stay in the selected reserve or transfer to individual ready reserve for the remainder of their eight-year commitments.

While the Army and Navy already have a limited two-year enlistment program, this is the first time the Air Force and Marine Corps will offer the option.

The services will set the enlistment criteria. Military specialties that involve long-term training will not be offered. Basic medical specialties, some engineer skills, and personnel, administration and combat specialties will be part of the mix. The first members who opt for this program will go into the delayed-entry program beginning Oct. 1. **(American Forces Press Service)**

Association offers scholarships to children

The Military Officers Association of America will give \$1,000 college scholarships at random to sons and daughters of military people.

Deadline to complete the online application is March 1.

Formerly known as The Retired Officers Association, the MOAA will honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2003 to 2004 school year.

Of the few eligibility requirements, applicants must be younger than 24 and provide basic information such as their SAT score and college.

Semifinalists will be notified by e-mail in March and may be asked to provide more detailed information.

For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.moaa.org/Education/2003>. **(Air Force Reserve Command News Service)**

Civilian job e-library saves research time

People seeking civilian job infor-

mation and supervisors considering creating a position or reorganizing work can save hours of research time by using a recently expanded electronic library of civilian job information.

More than 700 civilian positions are covered by the Standard Core Personnel Document Library Web site. Each listing contains a position description, performance plan and recruitment criteria.

Since 1996, more than 28,000 positions have been filled using documents from the library, said Chrissy Ayers, manager of the document library at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Previously, supervisors faced hours of research to effectively write or revise a civilian position description, she said.

The library is broken down by pay plan and allows people to search by job family.

"Our goal is to list as many positions on the SCPD library as possible," said Ayers. "This consolidated resource of information could save people vast amounts of time." **(Air Force Personnel Center News Service)**

Comedian donates \$1M for welcome center

Bob and Dolores Hope have donated \$1 million to the Air Force Enlisted Foundation to build a facility in Shalimar, Fla., to honor retired Col. Robert W. Gates, a pilot on many of the comedian's United Services Organization jaunts across the globe.

The 6,500-square-foot welcome center will be built next to the Dolores Hope All Faiths Chapel, with a formal garden — the "Garden of Hope" — between the two buildings. The new facility will house an auditorium, meeting rooms and a small kitchen. Completion is scheduled for October.

During a groundbreaking ceremony Jan. 6 for the Bob Gates Welcome Center/Auditorium, Kelly Hope spoke of his father's friendship with the former commander.

And although his famous father couldn't be there for the event, the younger Hope said his father was there in spirit, and Bob Hope Village was one of the things of which he was most proud. **(Air Force Enlisted Foundation)**

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Lt. Col. Russ Thomas, playing the role of a downed pilot, shields his face as a HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter lands at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev., to extract him during exercise Desert Rescue. Desert Rescue is a joint coalition forces combat search and rescue training exercise to simulate extracting downed aircrew members, perform CSAR related missions and experiment in realistic scenarios.

Photo by Staff Sgt. D. Myles Cullen, 1CTCS

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Blood drive: The next Charleston AFB blood drive is Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Charleston Club. All blood types are needed, and appointments or walk-ins are available. For more information, call Capt. Paul Brown at 963-4678.

Around the base

Medical training: Classes for the Red Cross Medical Assistance Training Program begins in the Family Practice Clinic Monday. The program is open to family members of active duty and retired personnel. The program will last six months and requires attendance five days per week, eight hours per day. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Karen Smith at 963-6743, or Staff Sgt. Christina Marx at 963-6969.

ESC: The next Enlisted Support Club meeting is Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center. This month will be a stamping social. Please bring \$2 to cover the supplies. For more information, call Marcia Lytton at 760-6892.

Chiefs: The 2003 Chiefs' Induction Ceremony will be held

Feb. 1, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. All chief master sergeant selects for 2003 will be honored. Chiefs, squadron commanders

Seminar to help develop understanding between local schools, military parents

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB will host two sessions of the Parents of Military Children Seminar Feb. 4, 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charleston Club.

The seminar is about the challenges military children face as they transition from base to base and the tools to help meet these challenges, said Betsy Crump, Family Support Center relocation manager.

All parents with school-age children are invited to attend the seminar, which features Dr. Mary Keller, the executive director of the Military Child Education Coalition.

A book, *Footsteps Around the World: Relocation Tips for Teens*, by Beverly Roman, will also be available as well as *Chart Your Course: An Academic Passport*, a bundle of information to help parents and teens set a plan to make education work despite transitions.

"We're hoping to create a community awareness of the educational and emotional challenges military children face," said Crump. "The seminar should help develop an increased understanding between school professionals, military installations and military parents."

For more information, or to register, call 963-4406.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

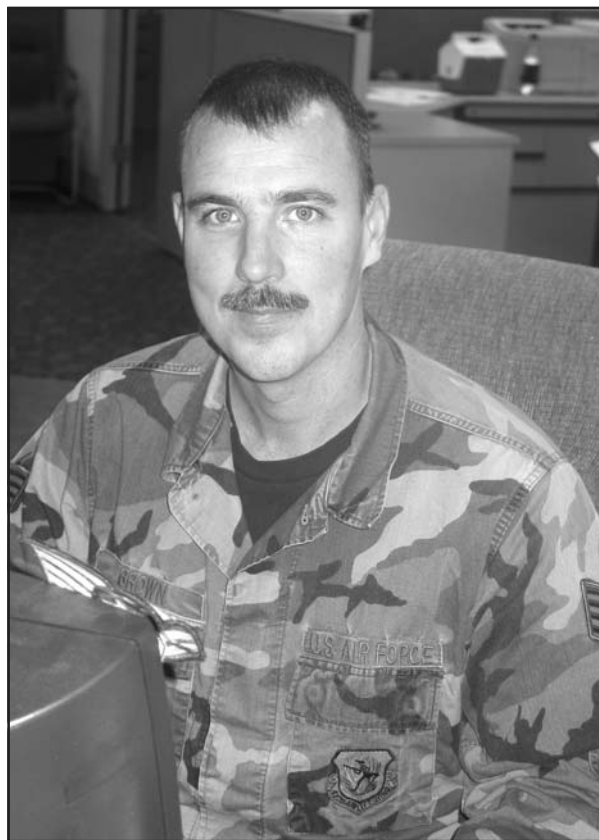


Photo by 2nd Lt. Shaloma McGovern

Staff Sgt. James Brown 437th Airlift Wing

Staff Sgt. James Brown is a ground safety craftsman with the 437th Airlift Wing Safety Office. His primary job is to ensure that everyone on Charleston AFB has a safe and healthful duty section.

"I recommend to supervisors how to eliminate safety hazards associated with their work centers," said Brown. "I enjoy learning about other people's jobs and how they all fit into the big picture."

He added one of the best parts of the job is the great training he receives.

"I have been in the military for 13 years now, and I am enjoying every minute of it," Brown said. While Brown joined the Air Force primarily for the education benefits, he says he also wanted to support his country the best way he could.

He has been enjoying the amenities of the Charleston area for three years now and loves his first tour "east of the Mississippi." In addition to playing golf and other sports, Brown likes spending time with his family.

As for the future, this staff sergeant would like to continue to progress through the enlisted ranks and complete his bachelor's degree in Aviation Safety.

and spouses are invited and may invite as many guests as they desire. The cost is \$20 per person and dress will be mess dress or semi-formal for military and business for civilians. For more information or to make reservations, call Tech. Sgt. Kim Carreno at 963-5497, or e-mail kim.carreno@charleston.af.mil.

Luncheon: A National Prayer Luncheon Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$3 per person. To purchase a ticket, contact any first sergeant or the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

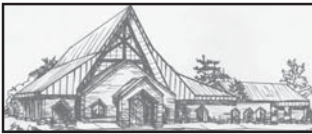
Dental assistance: The 437th Dental Flight is accepting applications for the next Red Cross Dental Assisting class for March. This program includes a short academic phase and hands-on dental assisting training with a qualified dental assistant. The program lasts approximately six months with a 40-hour work week, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., with holidays off. Pick up an application by Feb. 7 at the dental clinic's reception desk. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Linda Lee at 963-6842.

Super bowl: The Charleston Club hosts a Super Bowl Party Sunday, 5 p.m. Come out and enjoy burgers, nachos and fries until halftime. The "King of the Chair" drawing will take place at halftime, but stick around until the end of the game to see who will be the lucky winner of the 32" flat screen Toshiba TV. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Lots of prizes will be given away throughout the game. For more information, call 963-3914.

Channel 2: Charleston's WCBD, Channel 2, will air 30-minute special on Operation Enduring Freedom Saturday, 7 p.m. The program will feature Team Charleston's support of the war on terror with C-17 airlift missions from Frankfurt to Afghanistan.

VFW: Military members who have earned hostile fire or imminent danger pay are eligible to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars of United States. For more information, call Dave Mellert at 871-2407.

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Phone: 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services: *Saturday* - 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. *Weekdays* - 11:30 a.m. Mass. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Bldg. 217 (old Chapel).

Buddhist: Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405. Phone: (803) 254-9048.

Orthodox: Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

Jewish: Synagogue Emanu-El, 5 Windsor Dr., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 571-3264.

Islamic: Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

Movie schedule

Admission: 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to start of movie, unless otherwise noted.



Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

"Hot Chick" – Rob Schneider

A popular, yet mean-spirited, teenage girl wakes up one day to find herself turned into a man. Along the way to finding out how she ended up like that, she discovers how shallow and cruel she has always been. **(PG-13) 101 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Solaris" – George Clooney

A psychologist arrives at a space station, only to find his liaison there is dead. The man, head of an expedition to the ocean world below known as Solaris, died mysteriously, and with his death came other mysterious events, such as the appearance of crew and friends who have long since passed away. **(PG-13) 99 minutes**

Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m.

"Drumline" – Nick Cannon

SPORTS & FITNESS

TAE KWON DO

Fitness center offers 'kickin' way to get in shape

By **LINDA McMILLAN**
SPECIAL TO AIRLIFT DISPATCH

Need a new way to bring fitness into your life?

The Fitness and Sports Center offers Tae Kwon Do classes Monday – Thursday, 11 a.m. – noon. The class is taught by

Great Grand Master Kim, a ninth-level Dan Black Belt. Great Grand Master Kim came to the Charleston area from Korea, where he was a master instructor at Kukkiwon, the Headquarters of the World Tae Kwon Do Federation near Seoul, Korea. He has over 40 years of

experience in the sport and brings a unique learning opportunity to the students who take classes from him.

Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art form that has undergone self-directed development for more than 2,000 years. The word Tae Kwon Do literally means the “art of kicking and punching.” It embraces kicking, punching, jumping, blocking, dodging and parrying.

It is a form of self-defense as well as a system of competition whose superior techniques have won it international recognition. Tae Kwon Do emphasizes power, quickness and accuracy. Modern Tae Kwon Do is the fastest growing and most advanced martial art form in the world.

Tae Kwon Do not only encompasses physical movements, it is a system that trains the mind by placing strong emphasis on the development of moral character and spirit, which are essential for success. As a result, in addition to providing good health and physical fitness, Tae Kwon Do improves concentration, self-confidence, discipline and patience.

Tae Kwon Do has proven benefits with children to help

direct and focus their energy as well. Anyone is welcome to drop by the Fitness and Sports Center during class time to observe and speak with Great Grand Master Kim about signing up for classes. The classes are \$40 a month.

To see a demonstration of this sport, a unique opportunity is available in the local area. The Seoul, Korea Olympic Tae Kwon Do demonstration team, also called the Ho Do Ri Team, will give a performance at the Fort Dorchester High School gym Feb. 1, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Children six and under are free. Call 821-8133 for tickets, or pay at the door.

The demonstration will feature more than 30 school-age children who show the sport at its best. This is a great way to see firsthand the benefits of training your mind and body to perform at its best in the sport of Tae Kwon Do.

For more information, to buy tickets or to sign up for a class, call Linda McMillan at 552-0775, or Great Grand Master Kim at the Tae Kwon Do Academy in Summerville at 821-8133.



Great Grand Master Kim, a ninth-level Dan Black Belt, demonstrates the art of kicking during a Tae Kwon Do class at Charleston AFB Tuesday.

Photos by Airmain 1st Class Jason Bailey



Great Grand Master Kim teaches Linda McMillan, a Tae Kwon Do High Blue Belt and wife of Lt. Col. Adam McMillan, 437th Airlift Wing chief of safety, proper Tae Kwon Do techniques.